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1. ARGENTINE DRAFT RESOLUTION DOES NOT APPEAR TO US TO
ADD ANYTHING NEW TO GA RESOLUTIONS ALREADY ON BOOKS OR TO
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ENVIRONMENT DECLARATION ADOPTED AT STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE TO
QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY OF STATES TO AVOID ENVIRONMENTAL
DAMAGE TO THEIR NEIGHBORS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, IF

ARGENTINES PERSIST IN FORMALLY TABLING THEIR DRAFT, WE BELIEVE NET EFFECT WILL BE FURTHER TO AGGRAVATE ARGENTINE-BRAZIL RIVER PLATE BASIN CONTROVERSY. (FOR RECENT MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT, SEE BUENOS AIRES 2914, APRIL 26, 1973; BA AIRGRAM A-190, APRIL 9, 1973; AND BA A-328, JULY 23, 1973.) WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS BILATERAL CONTROVERSY WILL YIELD TO SOLUTION IN UNGA, AND WE SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT IT IN INTEREST EITHER PARTY THAT MATTER BE FURTHER PURSUED THERE.

2. IN LIGHT FOREGOING, MISSION SHOULD URGE ARGENTINES RECONSIDER ITS POSITION. US WOULD BE UNABLE COSPONSOR, AND ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE BETWEEN TWO FRIENDLY POWERS COULD WELL HAVE EFFECT OF FORCING US OPPOSE RESOLUTION, OPERATIVE PARAS OF WHICH ARE IN GENERAL ACCORD US POSITION.

3. WITH REFERENCE PREAMBULAR PARAS ARGENTINE DRAFT, MISSION SHOULD QUESTION PARAS 5 AND 6 WHICH IMPLY GA ENDORSEMENT ECONOMIC DECLARATION ADOPTED AT ALGIERS CONFERENCE. US COULD NOT RPT NOT ENDORSE ANY RESOLUTION WHICH APPEARED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO ENDORSE ACTION BY CONFERENCE TO WHICH IT WAS NOT A PARTY AND IN DEVELOPMENT OF DECISIONS OF WHICH US PLAYED NO PART. DELETION THESE PREAMBULAR PARAS, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT AFFECT OVERALL US POSITION ON ARGENTINE DRAFT AS SET OUT ABOVE.

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